



UMass Extension/4-H Youth and Family Development Program



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Boston Parks and Recreation Department

BOSTON URBAN STEWARDS™ 2003 – 2004

Christmas Tree Farm Tour Arrowhead Acres, Uxbridge, MA

92 Aldrich Street, Rt. 98 | Phone: (508) 278-5017

Saturday, December 13, 2003
9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

---Please see reverse side for program details---



*Images from the Arrowhead Acres and the National Christmas Tree Association websites.

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Christmas Tree Farm Tour to Arrowhead Acres on Saturday, December 13, 2003
Leave Boston at 10 a.m. & Return to Boston between 4:30 and 5 p.m.

UMass Extension/4-H and the Boston Parks Department are sponsoring this Christmas tree farm tour. We hope to see you on Saturday! This trip is an extension of the youth environmental stewardship program we coordinate funded in part by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Youth and adult participants will have an opportunity to visit a commercial tree farm, meet working farmers, harvest a Christmas tree, learn and have fun outside the city limits. CONTACTS: Rita Renee Toll-DuBois at (617) 522.8567 & Georgia Silvera Seamans at (617) 961.3019/office or (617) 839.3513/nextel.

Note: Tour goes rain, shine, or snow. Please be sure to *dress for the weather!* We will be outdoors. However, if the weather is very poor, the trip may be cancelled. If the weather is “rain” or “snow” on Saturday 12/13, please call Rita Renee at 7:30 a.m. to see if the program is still on!

Participants

- Mary E. Curley 4-H/Boston Urban Stewards: Joseph Robinson and youth
- Franklin Field: 5 people including Anthony Meeks and youth
- Rainbow Stewards: 7 people including Abdu Salaam Moulta Ali and youth
- Boston Parks Department: Georgia Silvera Seamans
- UMass Extension/4-H Youth and Family Development Program: Rita Renee Toll-DuBois
- Boston Urban Stewards junior assistants

Pick-up & drop-off

- Mary E. Curley: Please contact Joseph Robinson at (857) 719.1821
- Rainbow Stewards: Contact Abdu Salaam or Rita Renee Toll-DuBois.
- Franklin Field: Contact Anthony Meeks at (617) 462.0422. A Parks’ van will arrive at Franklin Field at 9:30 a.m. and depart at 10 a.m. *sharp!*

Youth groups agree to:

- Buy at least 1 tree at \$40 or the equivalent in wreaths. Your tree will be dropped off with you.
- Provide your own lunch and snacks.
- Provide emergency contact information for each participant in the group.
- Provide 1 adult for each group of young people.
- Participating adult should safely supervise all youth in his/her group at all times.
- If you can, please *bring a banner representing your group/organization* to be included in the day’s photographs. *All participants must submit a photo release form* signed by a parent or guardian.

We agree to:

Make transportation arrangements to and from the farm and with the farm for the tour.

Program schedule (subject to change)

- Leave Boston at 10 a.m.
- Arrive at 12 noon and receive *a tour and educational program* from Arrowhead Acres staff about growing trees as a crop to harvest, what conifers are and how to tell them apart, why trees are important, what is responsible harvesting and how to cut down a tree safely.
- Each group *chooses a tree to harvest and then cuts it down* or gathers materials for wreaths
- Leave Arrowhead Acres at 3 p.m.
- Return to Boston between 4:40 and 5 p.m.

Note: If a group would like to harvest more than 1 tree, please contact Rita Renee at (617) 522.8567 or Georgia at (617) 961.3019.